

Message

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Sent: 2/3/2022 5:07:41 PM
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Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hi Kendra and Hannah,

Yes, we'll be able to share some photos after the interview!

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I also wanted to loop in Hannah from our social media team. Is it possible to get photos from the interview after the fact?

Thank you
Kendra

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Hi Kendra,

Here are arrival details for Administrator Regan.

Call time: 2:30pm (Will he need grooming? We have a makeup artist onsite if he needs)

Tape time: Approx. 3pm (will be wrapped by 4pm)

Guest entrance: 200 W. 45th Street (Right under The Lion King marquee)

And here are our Covid protocols. Let me know if you have any questions!

COVID PROTOCOLS

WE DO NOT ACCEPT RAPID TESTS

- The guest must provide a **negative PCR test result within 48 hours of their appearance** since they will be unmasked & onstage with Trevor.
 - Please let us know if the principal is planning to get tested prior to their appearance or if you need our help facilitating a quick-turnaround PCR test.
- Any entourage must provide a **negative PCR test result within 7 days of the appearance**.
- The guest may bring **no more than four people** to *The Daily Show* taping.
- Only the guest will be allowed in the studio; everyone else will be able to watch the interview from the green room.
- Everyone must be **vaccinated** to enter the building.
- Everyone attending taping must complete a **vaccination verification form** before entering the building. Please send us full names & email addresses of each attendee, so we can send this form out.

Thanks!

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Bio here: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-administrator>

Headshot here: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-03/mr-crop.jpg>

Below is the LONG press release about the Journey to Justice- Happy to talk things through when you are ready. Would love to do that tomorrow if possible.

Thanks again and I look forward to hearing from you

Kendra

**EPA Administrator Regan Announces Bold Actions to Protect
Communities Following the Journey to Justice Tour**

Initial set of steps includes multiple actions to protect public health and community specific deliverables

CONTACT: EPA Press Office, press@epa.gov

WASHINGTON (Jan. 26, 2022) – Following through on his commitment to action during his Journey to Justice Tour, US Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael S. Regan announced today the first in a series of actions responding directly to concerns of communities historically and disproportionately impacted by pollution. The actions, which range from policy changes to community-driven efforts, reflect Administrator Regan’s commitment to deliver environmental justice and work towards building a better America, and are part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s whole-of-government approach to addressing these issues in communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

“In every community I visited during the Journey to Justice tour, the message was clear - residents have suffered far too long and local, state, and federal agencies have to do better,” **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.** “The pollution concerns have been impacting these communities for decades. Our actions will begin to help not only the communities I visited on this tour, but also others across the country who have suffered from environmental injustices.”

In response to concerns from residents in overburdened neighborhoods, EPA is announcing specific actions in each of the areas that he visited on the tour. In addition, EPA is outlining a series of broad policy actions including:

- Committing EPA to aggressively use its authority to conduct unannounced inspections of suspected non-compliant facilities, as needed to protect public health. When facilities are found to be non-compliant, EPA will use all available tools to hold them accountable.
- Deploying a new program to expand air monitoring capacity, utilizing assets such as the ASPECT airplane, GMAP mobile air monitoring vehicle, and additional air pollution inspectors to enhance enforcement.
- Mobilizing agency resources to invest in community air monitoring to better protect people and public health in vulnerable areas.
- Pressing state and local elected officials to take urgent action to better protect the most overburdened communities.
- Holding companies more accountable for their actions in overburdened communities with increased monitoring and oversight of polluting facilities.
- Applying best available science to agency policymaking to safeguard public health and protect the environment.

In addition to these policy changes, the Administrator has directed his team to work on several steps to address specific community concerns.

Agency-wide actions

To ensure facility compliance with environmental laws, the Administrator directed the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) to aggressively use its authority to conduct unannounced inspections at suspected non-compliant facilities, as needed, to protect public health.

EPA is announcing today a new Multi-Scale Monitoring Project called the Pollution Accountability Team (PAT) to provide strong environmental compliance and monitoring in the south, launching in Spring 2022. This program combines high-tech air pollution monitoring with boots-on-the-ground inspectors to address pollution and enhance enforcement at a community scale. EPA’s ASPECT airplane will monitor

facilities from the sky while mobile vehicles like EPA's GMAP will monitor pollution from the ground. At the same time, a team of inspectors from across EPA regions will follow up to investigate any emission detection findings at specific sites. The PAT pilot program will also work to develop and/or acquire new instrumentation to measure newly emerging contaminants, such as chloroprene and ethylene oxide. More details on this program will be available in the coming weeks, including a schedule for meetings with communities.

As previously announced, the Agency is also directing resources to better protect people and public health in overburdened areas across the nation, making \$20 million in grants available from the American Rescue Plan to enhance local air monitoring for pollutants of greatest concern in communities facing health disparities. The largest investment in community-based monitoring systems in EPA history will provide transparency and accountability, and foster pollution strategies in underserved communities. EPA encourages community-based nonprofit organizations, Tribes, states, and local governments to apply for the grants before the March 25 deadline. More information:

<https://www.epa.gov/arp/enhanced-air-quality-monitoring-funding-under-arp>.

The Agency is also taking steps to apply the best available science to solutions for communities facing severe pollution. Last week, the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) released for peer review a proposed screening methodology to evaluate chemical risk to fenceline communities. Today, the Administrator signed a notice proposing to reaffirm EPA's peer-reviewed scientific assessment showing that ethylene oxide is significantly more toxic than previously understood, and to find that it is appropriate to rely upon this assessment in taking regulatory actions to reduce this harmful pollutant. This notice responds to several petitions for reconsideration of a 2020 rule revising emission standards for chemical plants in the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing source category and will be open to public comment for 30 days. The rigorous evaluation of scientific studies that EPA is reaffirming in today's notice will ensure the agency is guided by the best information as EPA works to address health risks posed by ethylene oxide.

Taking action in Mississippi

In Jackson, Administrator Regan saw firsthand the longstanding water infrastructure challenges and the impacts these problems have on the community including children at Wilkins Elementary School, where the Administrator was to visit students and faculty until school was canceled due to low water pressure.

And once again this week, the winter weather has caused yet another boil water notice in Jackson, which has faced too many significant water challenges for too long. On January 25, 2022, EPA issued a Notice of Noncompliance to the city for not timely repairing and maintaining equipment necessary to reliably produce drinking water.

Later this week, Administrator Regan will be sending follow-up letters to elected officials to stress the importance of dedicating federal infrastructure funds, including nearly \$79 million allocated to Mississippi from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to solve some of most dire water needs in Jackson and other areas of need across Mississippi.

Taking action in Louisiana

Administrator Regan later traveled to Louisiana, meeting residents in New Orleans, St. John the Baptist Parish, St. James Parish, and Mossville, where he saw the impacts of pollution, climate change and crumbling water infrastructure.

The new Pollution Accountability Team will start as the pilot air monitoring project in Mossville, St. James Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish. EPA will work with residents and community leaders to determine the routes to be traveled by the mobile monitoring vehicle and the contaminants to be monitored. As part of the Administration's commitment to transparency, EPA Region 6 will make this data available to the public.

EPA will also invest more than \$600,000 to procure mobile air pollution monitoring equipment and will be deploying the monitors specifically in Mossville, St. John the Baptist Parish and St. James Parish, among other communities located in the south. This equipment will measure volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including air toxics, and will dramatically improve EPA's ability to measure pollution quickly and assess situations in real-time. EPA will work with local organizations to host trainings for community members to familiarize them with the technology and the process the Agency uses for its air monitoring.

In St. John the Baptist Parish, EPA used its authority to require the Denka facility to install fenceline monitors to identify sources of emissions onsite, allowing the EPA and communities to better understand air pollutants in a quick, reliable way. This month, Denka complied with EPA's request to install these monitors.

In addition, Administrator Regan sent a letter to Denka and DuPont CEOs pressing the companies to protect residents of St. John the Baptist Parish, including children that learn and play along their fenceline, after periodic elevated concentrations of chloroprene were measured nearby. In the letter, Administrator Regan wrote: "...as a parent, I remain extremely concerned about the over 500 children at the elementary school. I am writing to you today to reiterate what I hope are our shared concerns and expectations over the health and well-being of the students. EPA expects DuPont and Denka to take other needed action to address community concerns." Further, EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance will work with the Department of Justice to redouble their efforts in seeking additional, and timely, avenues of relief for this community.

In St. James Parish, Administrator Regan heard concerns about the impacts of the proposed Formosa Plastics facility. In response to resident requests, EPA announced support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to require a more robust Environmental Impact Statement as a permit for a proposed Formosa plant expansion is considered. This will ensure a stronger understanding of impacts this plant may have on communities. Considerations will include evaluating reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, the potential cumulative effects, and a public comment period – none of which were previously required by the environmental assessment. EPA has offered to provide technical assistance to the Army Corps in the development of the Impact Statement.

This week, EPA Region 6 also issued a Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Confer (NOVOC) to Nucor Steel Louisiana LLC in St. James Parish. The EPA notice requires Nucor to address unauthorized emissions of hydrogen sulfide and sulfuric acid mist, and exceedance of permitted limits for sulfur dioxide emissions at Nucor's Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) facility.

In Mossville, LA, Administrator Regan joined residents to discuss their concerns around air and water quality. In response, today EPA announced a significant increase in inspections of industrial facilities in the Mossville area. EPA will assess compliance at facilities that present potentially elevated risks to the community based on recent EPA helicopter flyovers and mobile air monitoring of the area. EPA also provided \$38,886 for LDEQ to purchase a NAAQS quality PM 2.5 continuous monitor to be placed across the road from Sasol's Lake Charles Complex.

EPA will monitor and review the data and conduct an independent assessment to determine if NAAQS standards are exceeded in the Lake Charles area. The EPA will also conduct Technical System Audits on a rotating basis of the State's monitoring system operations as well as reviewing LDEQ's annual data certifications and LDEQ's annual monitoring network plan.

EPA Region 6 also issued this week a Notice of Potential Violation and Opportunity to Confer (NOPVOC) Letter to Sasol Chemicals USA, LLC. The Sasol facility uses natural gas and by-products from refinery operations to produce specialty chemicals for detergents and cosmetics. The chemical complex uses or produces several regulated flammables such as ethylene, propane, butane, propylene, ethane, butane, hydrogen, methane and pentane. The EPA notice follows a January 2021 Compliance Evaluation

conducted by inspectors from EPA Region 6 and LDEQ, and requires Sasol to address potential Risk Management Plan violations found during the inspection.

In New Orleans' Gordon Plaza neighborhood, Administrator Regan heard from residents about the impacts of living in the affordable housing development built on the former site of the Agriculture Street Landfill. As part of addressing those concerns, EPA will now expedite a review of the site which was previously slated for review in 2023; the accelerated review will begin in March 2022 and will include 9 homes that were not included in the previous review process. The Agency is taking this step to re-evaluate its previous decision that the land is safe and to communicate the results to the community. In addition, on January 6, 2022, Administrator Regan met with Mayor Cantrell and Dr. Beverly Wright of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) to discuss a shared commitment between EPA and the City of New Orleans to work together on community-based solutions for the residents of Gordon Plaza. The solutions discussed would support relocation of community members off the land, provide economic opportunity for the City, advance clean energy, and lower greenhouse gas emissions in the area. Most importantly, they would ensure the health and safety of Gordon Plaza residents is protected. Administrator Regan and Dr. Wright committed to continue working closely with Mayor Cantrell and her team to advance these shared goals.

Taking Action in Texas

Following stops in Houston, including the Fifth Ward, Kashmere Gardens and the Houston Ship Channel, where Administrator Regan spoke with residents about impacts of air and water pollution from nearby facilities on the community, EPA announced the following actions.

Throughout stops in **Texas** and Louisiana, communities voiced concerns over the health risks that ethylene oxide (EtO) poses to their residents and called for swift action to reduce emissions of this dangerous chemical to outdoor air. As part of the proposal announced today to reaffirm EPA's peer-reviewed scientific assessment showing that EtO is significantly more toxic than previously understood, EPA is proposing to formally reject the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's less protective risk value for EtO. EPA is committed to leading with the best available science in this and future rulemakings to reduce emissions of this chemical and better protect people's health. The agency is also looking at a range of approaches besides regulations for achieving emissions reductions while regulations are in development, and ensuring communities are informed and engaged as we work to address EtO.

In the Fifth Ward and Kashmere Gardens area, EPA announced completion of a review of a proposed Union Pacific Railroad permit renewal and corrective actions that govern cleanup of contamination at the Houston Wood Preserving Works site. EPA intends to submit comments to TCEQ laying out concerns and recommendations to ensure that permit terms and corrective action goals address the concerns of community members, who are disproportionately impacted by pollution. EPA is also monitoring TCEQ's installation and operation of additional air monitors. These air monitors will supplement the existing monitoring network and capture the pollution that residents in these communities face. In addition, on January 20, 2022, Administrator Regan spoke with Mayor Sylvester Turner to discuss the continued commitment between EPA and the City of Houston to work together to ensure the community's concerns are addressed and the health and safety of residents is protected.

In response to the call for improved accessibility to language and interpretation services, EPA is establishing a partnership with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (T.E.J.A.S) under the Beyond Translation (BT) Plus program to improve communication, especially when it comes to information on environmental risk and enforcement. Under the partnership, EPA will develop local strategies to address air toxics in communities, provide better transparency regarding enforcement, and improve access to risk management plans.

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Hello Kendra,

We're looking forward to having Administrator Michael S. Regan as a guest on The Daily Show with Trevor Noah on Monday, Feb. 7th. The time commitment is 2:30-4pm ET. The interview will be approximately 10-12 minutes and it will air that same evening at 11pm ET on Comedy Central. I'm looping in my colleague Maia who will send our studio arrival details as well as our Covid protocols. She can also arrange transportation to/from the studio if you need.

The only thing I need right now is a headshot, and any materials you'd like to send regarding his journey to justice tour. I'll be producing the interview so we can touch base later this week to finalize topics. Let us know if you have any questions!

Thanks,
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Thanks again
Kendra

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Hello Kendra,

So nice to hear from you, and I really appreciate Hilary Rosen putting you in touch with me! We would love to have Administrator Regan as a guest on The Daily Show but unfortunately we're booked on Feb. 10th. Is there any chance he is available to join Trevor in-studio on Monday, Feb. 7th? We typically record between 3-4pm and ask guests to arrive at 2:30pm. Let me know if that's a possibility?

Many thanks,

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Thank you in advance and I would love to hear from you

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This week, EPA Region 6 also issued a Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Confer (NOVOC) to Nucor Steel Louisiana LLC in St. James Parish. The EPA notice requires Nucor to address unauthorized emissions of hydrogen sulfide and sulfuric acid mist, and exceedance of permitted limits for sulfur dioxide emissions at Nucor's Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) facility.

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Taking Action in Texas

Following stops in Houston, including the Fifth Ward, Kashmere Gardens and the Houston Ship Channel, where Administrator Regan spoke with residents about impacts of air and water pollution from nearby facilities on the community, EPA announced the following actions.

Throughout stops in **Texas** and Louisiana, communities voiced concerns over the health risks that ethylene oxide (EtO) poses to their residents and called for swift action to reduce emissions of this dangerous chemical to outdoor air. As part of the proposal announced today to reaffirm EPA's peer-reviewed scientific assessment showing that EtO is significantly more toxic than previously understood, EPA is proposing to formally reject the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's less protective risk value for EtO. EPA is committed to leading with the best available science in this and future rulemakings to reduce emissions of this chemical and better protect people's health. The agency is also looking at a range of approaches besides regulations for achieving emissions reductions while regulations are in development, and ensuring communities are informed and engaged as we work to address EtO.

In the Fifth Ward and Kashmere Gardens area, EPA announced completion of a review of a proposed Union Pacific Railroad permit renewal and corrective actions that govern cleanup of contamination at the Houston Wood Preserving Works site. EPA intends to submit comments to TCEQ laying out concerns and recommendations to ensure that permit terms and corrective action goals address the concerns of community members, who are disproportionately impacted by pollution. EPA is also monitoring TCEQ's installation and operation of additional air monitors. These air monitors will supplement the existing monitoring network and capture the pollution that residents in these communities face. In addition, on January 20, 2022, Administrator Regan spoke with Mayor Sylvester Turner to discuss the continued

commitment between EPA and the City of Houston to work together to ensure the community's concerns are addressed and the health and safety of residents is protected.

In response to the call for improved accessibility to language and interpretation services, EPA is establishing a partnership with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (T.E.J.A.S) under the Beyond Translation (BT) Plus program to improve communication, especially when it comes to information on environmental risk and enforcement. Under the partnership, EPA will develop local strategies to address air toxics in communities, provide better transparency regarding enforcement, and improve access to risk management plans.

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The only thing I need right now is a headshot, and any materials you'd like to send regarding his journey to justice tour. I'll be producing the interview so we can touch base later this week to finalize topics. Let us know if you have any questions!

Thanks,
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We are in!
Can we talk tomorrow about next steps?

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To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
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Great, thank you. Our studio is located in Times Square.

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H there

Thank you for the speedy response. We are checking and should know ASAP. Where is the studio?

Thanks again

Kendra

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Thank you in advance and I would love to hear from you

Kendra

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Sent: 2/2/2022 4:06:27 PM
To: Maia Erickson [merickson@thedailyshow.com]
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We've connected – thanks Maia!

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Sent from my iPhone

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Hi Grant,

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In addition, Administrator Regan sent a letter to Denka and DuPont CEOs pressing the companies to protect residents of St. John the Baptist Parish, including children that learn and play along their fenceline, after periodic elevated concentrations of chloroprene were measured nearby. In the letter, Administrator Regan wrote: "...as a parent, I remain extremely concerned about the over 500 children at the elementary school. I am writing to you today to reiterate what I hope are our shared concerns and expectations over the health and well-being of the students. EPA expects DuPont and Denka to take other needed action to address community concerns." Further, EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance will work with the Department of Justice to redouble their efforts in seeking additional, and timely, avenues of relief for this community.

In St. James Parish, Administrator Regan heard concerns about the impacts of the proposed Formosa Plastics facility. In response to resident requests, EPA announced support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to require a more robust Environmental Impact Statement as a permit for a proposed Formosa plant expansion is considered. This will ensure a stronger understanding of impacts this plant may have on communities. Considerations will include evaluating reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, the potential cumulative effects, and a public comment period – none of which were previously required by the environmental assessment. EPA has offered to provide technical assistance to the Army Corps in the development of the Impact Statement.

This week, EPA Region 6 also issued a Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Confer (NOVOC) to Nucor Steel Louisiana LLC in St. James Parish. The EPA notice requires Nucor to address unauthorized emissions of hydrogen sulfide and sulfuric acid mist, and exceedance of permitted limits for sulfur dioxide emissions at Nucor's Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) facility.

In Mossville, LA, Administrator Regan joined residents to discuss their concerns around air and water quality. In response, today EPA announced a significant increase in inspections of industrial facilities in the Mossville area. EPA will assess compliance at facilities that present potentially elevated risks to the community based on recent EPA helicopter flyovers and mobile air monitoring of the area. EPA also provided \$38,886 for LDEQ to purchase a NAAQS quality PM 2.5 continuous monitor to be placed across the road from Sasol's Lake Charles Complex.

EPA will monitor and review the data and conduct an independent assessment to determine if NAAQS standards are exceeded in the Lake Charles area. The EPA will also conduct Technical System Audits on a rotating basis of the State's monitoring system operations as well as reviewing LDEQ's annual data certifications and LDEQ's annual monitoring network plan.

EPA Region 6 also issued this week a Notice of Potential Violation and Opportunity to Confer (NOPVOC) Letter to Sasol Chemicals USA, LLC. The Sasol facility uses natural gas and by-products from refinery operations to produce specialty chemicals for detergents and cosmetics. The chemical complex uses or produces several regulated flammables such as ethylene, propane, butane, propylene, ethane, butane, hydrogen, methane and pentane. The EPA notice follows a January 2021 Compliance Evaluation conducted by inspectors from EPA Region 6 and LDEQ, and requires Sasol to address potential Risk Management Plan violations found during the inspection.

In New Orleans' Gordon Plaza neighborhood, Administrator Regan heard from residents about the impacts of living in the affordable housing development built on the former site of the Agriculture Street Landfill. As part of addressing those concerns, EPA will now expedite a review of the site which was previously slated for review in 2023; the accelerated review will begin in March 2022 and will include 9 homes that were not included in the previous review process. The Agency is taking this step to re-evaluate its previous decision that the land is safe and to communicate the results to the community. In addition, on January 6, 2022, Administrator Regan met with Mayor Cantrell and Dr. Beverly Wright of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) to discuss a shared commitment between EPA and the City of New Orleans to work together on community-based solutions for the residents of Gordon Plaza. The solutions discussed would support relocation of community members off the land, provide economic opportunity for the City, advance clean energy, and lower greenhouse gas emissions in the area. Most importantly, they would ensure the health and safety of Gordon Plaza residents is protected. Administrator Regan and Dr. Wright committed to continue working closely with Mayor Cantrell and her team to advance these shared goals.

Taking Action in Texas

Following stops in Houston, including the Fifth Ward, Kashmere Gardens and the Houston Ship Channel, where Administrator Regan spoke with residents about impacts of air and water pollution from nearby facilities on the community, EPA announced the following actions.

Throughout stops in **Texas** and Louisiana, communities voiced concerns over the health risks that ethylene oxide (EtO) poses to their residents and called for swift action to reduce emissions of this dangerous chemical to outdoor air. As part of the proposal announced today to reaffirm EPA's peer-reviewed scientific assessment showing that EtO is significantly more toxic than previously understood, EPA is proposing to formally reject the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's less protective risk value for EtO. EPA is committed to leading with the best available science in this and future rulemakings to reduce emissions of this chemical and better protect people's health. The agency is also looking at a range of approaches besides regulations for achieving emissions reductions while regulations are in development, and ensuring communities are informed and engaged as we work to address EtO.

In the Fifth Ward and Kashmere Gardens area, EPA announced completion of a review of a proposed Union Pacific Railroad permit renewal and corrective actions that govern cleanup of contamination at the Houston Wood Preserving Works site. EPA intends to submit comments to TCEQ laying out concerns

and recommendations to ensure that permit terms and corrective action goals address the concerns of community members, who are disproportionately impacted by pollution. EPA is also monitoring TCEQ's installation and operation of additional air monitors. These air monitors will supplement the existing monitoring network and capture the pollution that residents in these communities face. In addition, on January 20, 2022, Administrator Regan spoke with Mayor Sylvester Turner to discuss the continued commitment between EPA and the City of Houston to work together to ensure the community's concerns are addressed and the health and safety of residents is protected.

In response to the call for improved accessibility to language and interpretation services, EPA is establishing a partnership with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (T.E.J.A.S) under the Beyond Translation (BT) Plus program to improve communication, especially when it comes to information on environmental risk and enforcement. Under the partnership, EPA will develop local strategies to address air toxics in communities, provide better transparency regarding enforcement, and improve access to risk management plans.

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Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 7:49 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hello Kendra,

We're looking forward to having Administrator Michael S. Regan as a guest on The Daily Show with Trevor Noah in-studio on Monday, Feb. 7th. The time commitment is 2:30-4pm ET. The interview will be approximately 10-12 minutes and it will air that same evening at 11pm ET on Comedy Central. I'm looping in my colleague Maia who will send our studio arrival details as well as our Covid protocols. She can also arrange transportation to/from the studio if you need.

The only thing I need right now is a headshot, and any materials you'd like to send regarding his journey to justice tour. I'll be producing the interview so we can touch base later this week to finalize topics. Let us know if you have any questions!

Thanks,
Shawna Shepherd
Producer
The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

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From: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 5:41 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

We are in!
Can we talk tomorrow about next steps?

From: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

Great, thank you. Our studio is located in Times Square.

From: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

H there

Thank you for the speedy response. We are checking and should know ASAP. Where is the studio?

Thanks again

Kendra

From: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

Hello Kendra,

So nice to hear from you, and I really appreciate Hilary Rosen putting you in touch with me! We would love to have Administrator Regan as a guest on The Daily Show but unfortunately we're booked on Feb. 10th. Is there any chance he is available to join Trevor in-studio on Monday, Feb. 7th? We typically record between 3-4pm and ask guests to arrive at 2:30pm. Let me know if that's a possibility?

Many thanks,

Shawna Shepherd

Producer

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From: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:18 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: Administrator Regan

Hi Shawna,

Hilary Rosen passed along your information. I wanted to see if you all would be interested in having Administrator Regan on the Daily Show to talk about the important issue of clean water and environmental justice. He just made this [most recent announcement](#), last week about his journey to justice tour. I know its last minute, but he will be in the NY area and could tape on February 10th.

Thank you in advance and I would love to hear from you

Kendra

Kendra Lamy
Senior Advisor
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: O'Brien, Grant [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F28F4E2488254DB5B6BA405D042C5A71-OBRIEN, GRA]
Sent: 2/6/2022 6:13:24 PM
To: Maia Erickson [merickson@thedailyshow.com]
CC: Shawna Shepherd [sshepherd@thedailyshow.com]
Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Ah - please disregard, I received the email yesterday.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2022, at 1:11 PM, O'Brien, Grant <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov> wrote:

Maia - do you know when we should be expecting our digital COVID-19 attestations?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2022, at 6:22 PM, O'Brien, Grant <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov> wrote:

You can send the one for the Administrator to Lance.kathleen@epa.gov.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2022, at 6:19 PM, Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com> wrote:

Thank you both! Unfortunately, I cannot send two forms to the same email address. Grant, do you have a personal email address I could send the Administrator's form to?

And copy on PCR testing.

Thanks!

Maia

From: "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 at 6:15 PM
To: "O'Brien, Grant" <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>
Cc: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>, Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>, "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>, "Blythers, Dorien" <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>, "Flom, Hannah" <Flom.Hannah@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Thank you

He will be getting his PCR on Monday morning

Sent from my iPhone

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Maia - I can get that to you here.

Grant O'Brien - Obrien.grant@epa.gov
Kendra Lamy - lamy.kendra@epa.gov
Rosemary Enobakhare - enobakhare.rosemary@epa.gov
SA John Mickle - Mickle.john@epa.gov
SA Nicholas Hoffner - hoffner.nicholas@epa.gov

If the Administrator is required to complete anything, you can just send that to me here.

Let me know if you have any questions,
Grant

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2022, at 6:04 PM, Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com> wrote:

Hi Kendra,

Any news on a guest list for Monday? We'll need full names and addresses of all attendees, so we can send everyone vaccination verification forms.

Will the Administrator need help facilitating a PCR test before his appearance on Monday?

Thank you!
Maia

Maia Erickson
The Daily Show with Trevor Noah
Talent & Executive Coordinator
C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 at 12:59 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Cc: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>, "O'Brien, Grant" <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>, "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>, "Blythers, Dorien" <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>, "Flom, Hannah" <Flom.Hannah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

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Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:37 PM

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Cc: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>; O'Brien, Grant <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>; Flom, Hannah <Flom.Hannah@epa.gov>

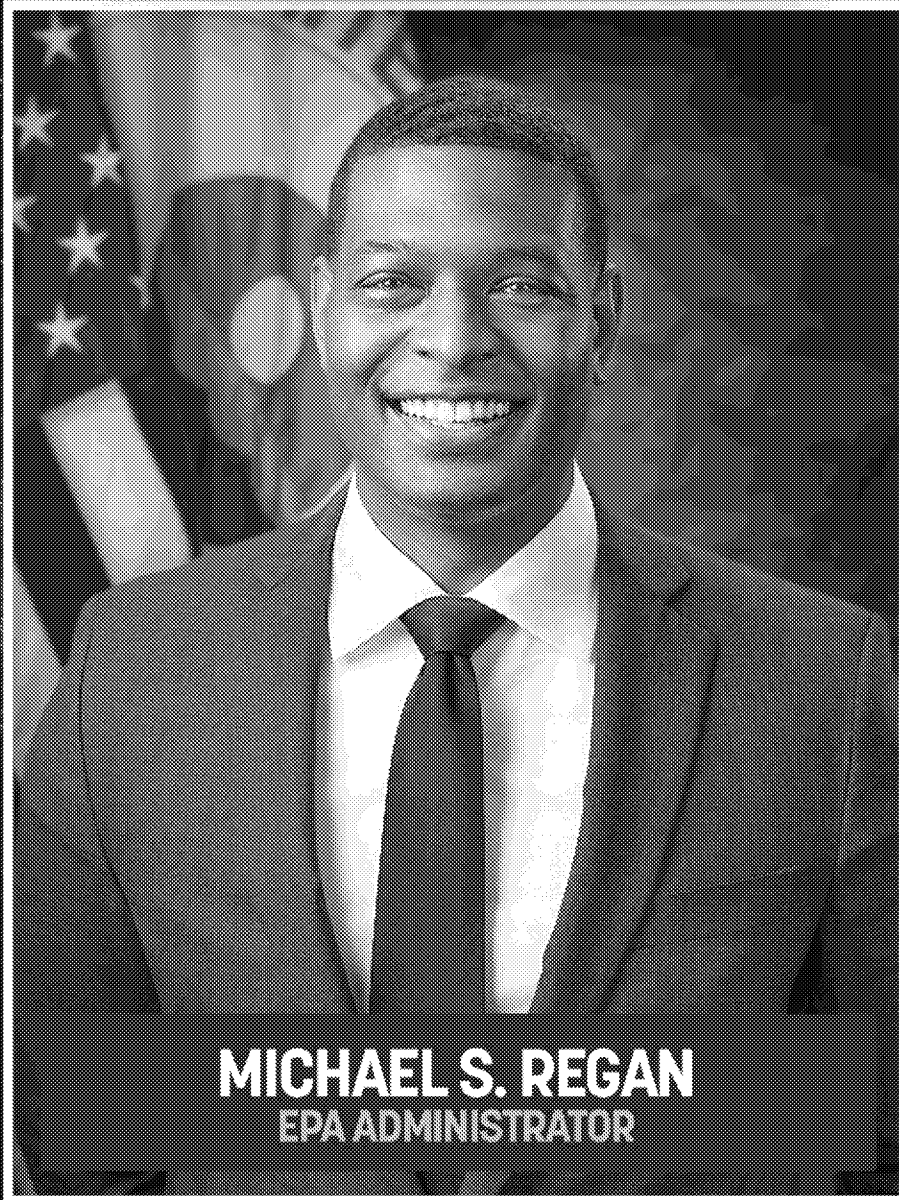
Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hi Kendra,

Here's a tune-in graphic that you can post on Monday!

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WITH TREVOR NOAH



MICHAEL S. REGAN
EPA ADMINISTRATOR

TONIGHT'S GUEST

On Feb 3, 2022, at 10:41 AM, Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov> wrote:

I also wanted to loop in Hannah from our social media team. Is it possible to get photos from the interview after the fact?

Thank you

Kendra

From: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 11:07 AM

To: O'Brien, Grant <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>; sshepherd@thedailyshow.com

Cc: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Blythers, Dorian <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hi Grant,

Yes, that shouldn't be a problem!

Best,

Maia

From: "O'Brien, Grant" <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 10:09 AM

To: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>, "sshepherd@thedailyshow.com" <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>

Cc: "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>, "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>, "Blythers, Dorian" <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Additionally, would it be possible for the Administrator to arrive on Monday as early as 1pm? We would just remain in the hold space until he moves to prep at 2:30. Please let me know if this is a possibility.

Best,

Grant

From: O'Brien, Grant

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 7:30 AM

To: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>

Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Thanks for the update Maia. How early would we be able to get in the building on Monday morning?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2022, at 7:53 PM, Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com> wrote:

Hi Grant,

Unfortunately, no one from our security management team will be onsite this Sunday to provide a walkthrough. Are you and the security detail member available this Friday or early Monday morning instead for a walkthrough?

Best,
Maia

Maia Erickson

The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

Talent & Executive Coordinator

C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: "O'Brien, Grant" <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 2:25 PM

To: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>, Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>, Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>, "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>

Cc: "Blythers, Dorien" <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Thank you for the introduction, Kathleen.

Shawna – glad to be connected with you here. I work on the Administrator's advance team and will be one of the individuals that accompany him when he visits your studio on Monday. If possible, I and a member of the Administrator's security detail would like to request an advanced walkthrough of the space for some time on this upcoming Sunday, Feb. 6th in the afternoon (perhaps around 3pm). Will the space be accessible at that time?

Please let me know at your earliest convenience,

Grant

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Grant O'Brien

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From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:26 PM

To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>; Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>; Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; O'Brien, Grant <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>

Cc: Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

+ Grant O'Brien from our team

Kathleen C. Lance

Director of Scheduling and Advance

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:24 PM

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Cc: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hi Kendra,

I am available for a call tomorrow between 1:30-3:30pm. Let me what works for you!

Thanks,

Shawna

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To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>

Cc: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hi Kendra,

Here are arrival details for Administrator Regan.

Call time: 2:30pm (Will he need grooming? We have a makeup artist onsite if he needs)

Tape time: Approx. 3pm (will be wrapped by 4pm)

Guest entrance: 200 W. 45th Street (Right under The Lion King marquee)

And here are our Covid protocols. Let me know if you have any questions!

COVID PROTOCOLS

WE DO NOT ACCEPT RAPID TESTS

- The guest must provide a **negative PCR test result within 48 hours of their appearance** since they will be unmasked & onstage with Trevor.
 - Please let us know if the principal is planning to get tested prior to their appearance or if you need our help facilitating a quick-turnaround PCR test.
- Any entourage must provide a **negative PCR test result within 7 days of the appearance**.
- The guest may bring **no more than four people** to *The Daily Show* taping.
- Only the guest will be allowed in the studio; everyone else will be able to watch the interview from the green room.
- Everyone must be **vaccinated** to enter the building.
- Everyone attending taping must complete a **vaccination verification form** before entering the building. Please send us full names & email addresses of each attendee, so we can send this form out.

Thanks!

Maia

Maia Erickson

The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

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From: "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 9:54 AM

To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>, Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>

Cc: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>, "Blythers, Dorian" <Blythers.Dorian@epa.gov>

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Thank you.

I am also looping in our scheduling and advance team for this.

Bio here: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-administrator>

Headshot here: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-03/mr-crop.jpg>

Below is the LONG press release about the Journey to Justice- Happy to talk things through when you are ready. Would love to do that tomorrow if possible.

Thanks again and I look forward to hearing from you

Kendra

EPA Administrator Regan Announces Bold Actions to Protect Communities Following the Journey to Justice Tour

Initial set of steps includes multiple actions to protect public health and community specific deliverables

CONTACT: EPA Press Office, press@epa.gov

WASHINGTON (Jan. 26, 2022) – Following through on his commitment to action during his Journey to Justice Tour, US Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael S. Regan announced today the first in a series of actions responding directly to concerns of communities historically and disproportionately impacted by pollution. The actions, which range from policy changes to community-driven efforts, reflect Administrator Regan's commitment to deliver environmental justice and work towards building a better America, and are part of the Biden-Harris Administration's whole-of-government approach to addressing these issues in communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

"In every community I visited during the Journey to Justice tour, the message was clear - residents have suffered far too long and local, state, and federal agencies have to do better," **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.** "The pollution concerns have been impacting these communities for decades. Our actions will begin to help not only the communities I visited on this tour, but also others across the country who have suffered from environmental injustices."

In response to concerns from residents in overburdened neighborhoods, EPA is announcing specific actions in each of the areas that he visited on the tour. In addition, EPA is outlining a series of broad policy actions including:

- Committing EPA to aggressively use its authority to conduct unannounced inspections of suspected non-compliant facilities, as needed to protect public health. When facilities are found to be non-compliant, EPA will use all available tools to hold them accountable.
- Deploying a new program to expand air monitoring capacity, utilizing assets such as the ASPECT airplane, GMAP mobile air monitoring vehicle, and additional air pollution inspectors to enhance enforcement.

- Mobilizing agency resources to invest in community air monitoring to better protect people and public health in vulnerable areas.
- Pressing state and local elected officials to take urgent action to better protect the most overburdened communities.
- Holding companies more accountable for their actions in overburdened communities with increased monitoring and oversight of polluting facilities.
- Applying best available science to agency policymaking to safeguard public health and protect the environment.

In addition to these policy changes, the Administrator has directed his team to work on several steps to address specific community concerns.

Agency-wide actions

To ensure facility compliance with environmental laws, the Administrator directed the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) to aggressively use its authority to conduct unannounced inspections at suspected non-compliant facilities, as needed, to protect public health.

EPA is announcing today a new Multi-Scale Monitoring Project called the Pollution Accountability Team (PAT) to provide strong environmental compliance and monitoring in the south, launching in Spring 2022. This program combines high-tech air pollution monitoring with boots-on-the-ground inspectors to address pollution and enhance enforcement at a community scale. EPA's ASPECT airplane will monitor facilities from the sky while mobile vehicles like EPA's GMAP will monitor pollution from the ground. At the same time, a team of inspectors from across EPA regions will follow up to investigate any emission detection findings at specific sites. The PAT pilot program will also work to develop and/or acquire new instrumentation to measure newly emerging contaminants, such as chloroprene and ethylene oxide. More details on this program will be available in the coming weeks, including a schedule for meetings with communities.

As previously announced, the Agency is also directing resources to better protect people and public health in overburdened areas across the nation, making \$20 million in grants available from the American Rescue Plan to enhance local air monitoring for pollutants of greatest concern in communities facing health disparities. The largest investment in community-based monitoring systems in EPA history will provide transparency and accountability, and foster pollution strategies in underserved communities. EPA encourages community-based nonprofit organizations, Tribes, states, and local governments to apply for the grants before the March 25 deadline. More information:

<https://www.epa.gov/arp/enhanced-air-quality-monitoring-funding-under-arp>.

The Agency is also taking steps to apply the best available science to solutions for communities facing severe pollution. Last week, the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) released for peer review a proposed screening methodology to evaluate chemical risk to fenceline communities. Today, the Administrator signed a notice proposing to reaffirm EPA's peer-reviewed scientific assessment showing that ethylene oxide is significantly more toxic than previously understood, and to find that it is appropriate to rely upon this assessment in taking regulatory actions to reduce this harmful pollutant. This notice responds to several petitions for reconsideration of a 2020 rule revising emission standards for chemical plants in the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing source category and will be open to public comment for 30 days. The rigorous evaluation of scientific studies that EPA is reaffirming in today's notice will ensure the agency is guided by the best information as EPA works to address health risks posed by ethylene oxide.

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Taking Action in Texas

Following stops in Houston, including the Fifth Ward, Kashmere Gardens and the Houston Ship Channel, where Administrator Regan spoke with residents about impacts of air and water pollution from nearby facilities on the community, EPA announced the following actions.

Throughout stops in **Texas** and Louisiana, communities voiced concerns over the health risks that ethylene oxide (EtO) poses to their residents and called for swift action to reduce emissions of this dangerous chemical to outdoor air. As part of the proposal announced today to reaffirm EPA's peer-reviewed scientific assessment showing that EtO is significantly more toxic than previously understood, EPA is proposing to formally reject the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's less protective risk value for EtO. EPA is committed to leading with the best available science in this and future rulemakings to reduce emissions of this chemical and better protect people's health. The agency is also looking at a range of approaches besides regulations for achieving emissions reductions while regulations are in development, and ensuring communities are informed and engaged as we work to address EtO.

In the Fifth Ward and Kashmere Gardens area, EPA announced completion of a review of a proposed Union Pacific Railroad permit renewal and corrective actions that govern cleanup of contamination at the Houston Wood Preserving Works site. EPA intends to submit comments to TCEQ laying out concerns and recommendations to ensure that permit terms and corrective action goals address the concerns of community members, who are disproportionately impacted by pollution. EPA is also monitoring TCEQ's installation and operation of additional air monitors. These air monitors will supplement the existing monitoring network and capture the pollution that residents in these communities face. In addition, on January 20, 2022, Administrator Regan spoke with Mayor Sylvester Turner to discuss the continued commitment between EPA and the City of Houston to work together to ensure the community's concerns are addressed and the health and safety of residents is protected.

In response to the call for improved accessibility to language and interpretation services, EPA is establishing a partnership with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (T.E.J.A.S) under the Beyond Translation (BT) Plus program to improve communication, especially when it comes to information on environmental risk and enforcement. Under the partnership, EPA will develop local strategies to address air toxics in communities, provide better transparency regarding enforcement, and improve access to risk management plans.

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Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 7:49 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hello Kendra,

We're looking forward to having Administrator Michael S. Regan as a guest on The Daily Show with Trevor in-studio on Monday, Feb. 7th. The time commitment is 2:30-4pm ET. The interview will be approximately 10-12 minutes and it will air that same evening at 11pm ET on Comedy Central. I'm looping in my colleague Maia who will send our studio arrival details as well as our Covid protocols. She can also arrange transportation to/from the studio if you need.

The only thing I need right now is a headshot, and any materials you'd like to send regarding his journey to justice tour. I'll be producing the interview so we can touch base later this week to finalize topics. Let us know if you have any questions!

Thanks,
Shawna Shepherd
Producer
The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

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From: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 5:41 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

We are in!
Can we talk tomorrow about next steps?

From: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

Great, thank you. Our studio is located in Times Square.

From: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
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H there
Thank you for the speedy response. We are checking and should know ASAP. Where is the studio?
Thanks again
Kendra

From: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

Hello Kendra,

So nice to hear from you, and I really appreciate Hilary Rosen putting you in touch with me! We would love to have Administrator Regan as a guest on The Daily Show but unfortunately we're booked on Feb. 10th. Is there any chance he is available to join Trevor in-studio on Monday, Feb. 7th? We typically record between 3-4pm and ask guests to arrive at 2:30pm. Let me know if that's a possibility?

Many thanks,
Shawna Shepherd
Producer
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Subject: Administrator Regan

Hi Shawna,
Hilary Rosen passed along your information. I wanted to see if you all would be interested in having Administrator Regan on the Daily Show to talk about the important issue of clean water and environmental justice. He just made this most recent announcement, last week about his journey to justice tour. I know its last minute, but he will be in the NY area and could tape on February 10th.

Thank you in advance and I would love to hear from you
Kendra

Kendra Lamy
Senior Advisor
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: O'Brien, Grant [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F28F4E2488254DB5B6BA405D042C5A71-OBRIEN, GRA]
Sent: 2/4/2022 11:14:51 PM
To: Maia Erickson [merickson@thedailyshow.com]
CC: Lamy, Kendra [Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov]; Shawna Shepherd [sshepherd@thedailyshow.com]; Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]; Blythers, Dorien [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]; Flom, Hannah [Flom.Hannah@epa.gov]
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Also - the Administrator will not need accommodations made for a PCR test. He will be completing his first thing Monday am.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2022, at 6:13 PM, O'Brien, Grant <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov> wrote:

Maia - I can get that to you here.

Grant O'Brien - Obrien.grant@epa.gov
Kendra Lamy - lamy.kendra@epa.gov
Rosemary Enobakhare - enobakhare.rosemary@epa.gov
SA John Mickle - Mickle.john@epa.gov
SA Nicholas Hoffner - hoffner.nicholas@epa.gov

If the Administrator is required to complete anything, you can just send that to me here.

Let me know if you have any questions,
Grant

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2022, at 6:04 PM, Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com> wrote:

Hi Kendra,

Any news on a guest list for Monday? We'll need full names and addresses of all attendees, so we can send everyone vaccination verification forms.

Will the Administrator need help facilitating a PCR test before his appearance on Monday?

Thank you!
Maia

Maia Erickson
The Daily Show with Trevor Noah
Talent & Executive Coordinator

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From: "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 at 12:59 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Cc: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>, "O'Brien, Grant" <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>, "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>, "Blythers, Dorien" <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>, "Flom, Hannah" <Flom.Hannah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Thank you!!!

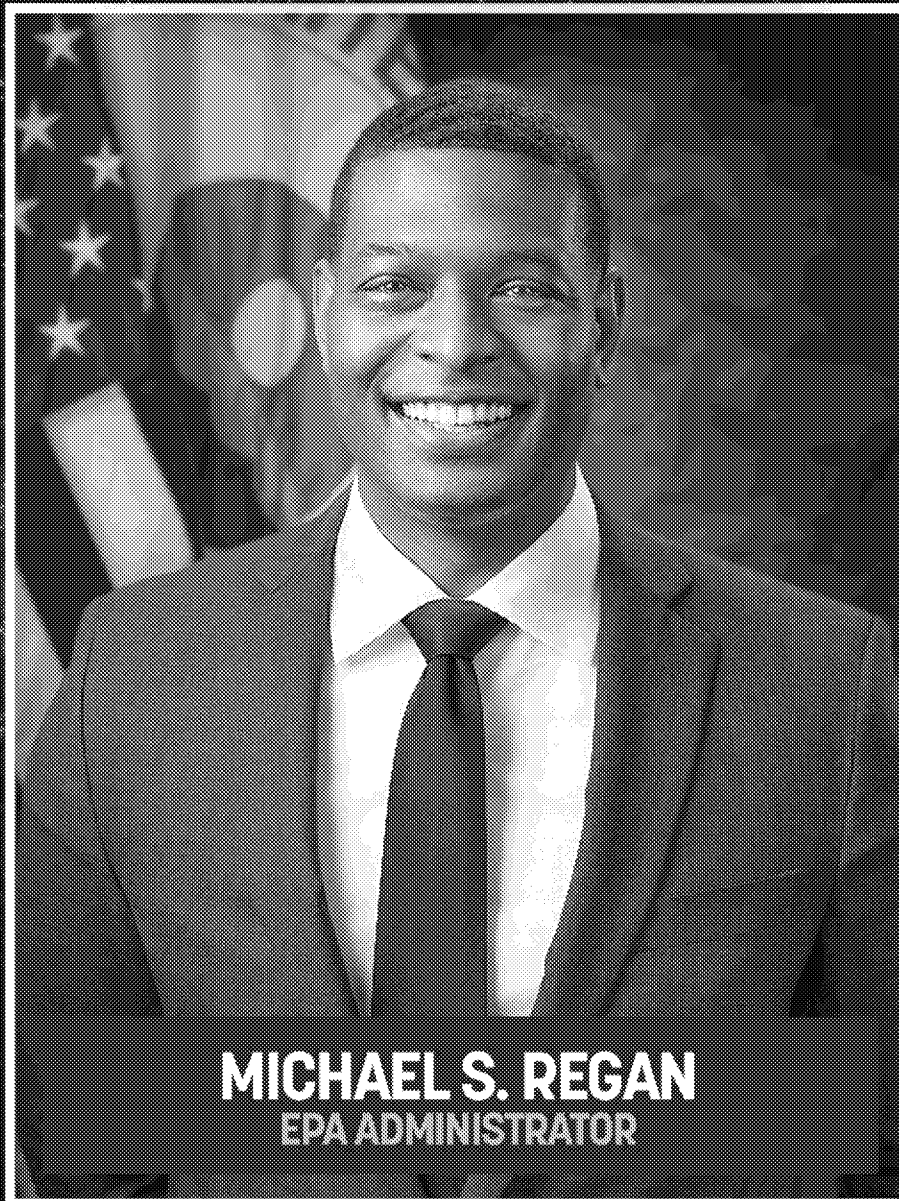
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Hi Kendra,

Here's a tune-in graphic that you can post on Monday!

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WITH TREVOR NOAH



MICHAEL S. REGAN
EPA ADMINISTRATOR

TONIGHT'S GUEST

On Feb 3, 2022, at 10:41 AM, Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov> wrote:

I also wanted to loop in Hannah from our social media team. Is it possible to get photos from the interview after the fact?
Thank you
Kendra

From: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 11:07 AM
To: O'Brien, Grant <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>; sshepherd@thedailyshow.com
Cc: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hi Grant,

Yes, that shouldn't be a problem!

Best,
Maia

From: "O'Brien, Grant" <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 10:09 AM
To: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>, "sshepherd@thedailyshow.com" <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Cc: "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>, "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>, "Blythers, Dorien" <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>
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Additionally, would it be possible for the Administrator to arrive on Monday as early as 1pm? We would just remain in the hold space until he moves to prep at 2:30. Please let me know if this is a possibility.

Best,
Grant

From: O'Brien, Grant
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 7:30 AM
To: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Thanks for the update Maia. How early would we be able to get in the building on Monday morning?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2022, at 7:53 PM, Maia Erickson
<merickson@thedailyshow.com> wrote:

Hi Grant,

Unfortunately, no one from our security management team will be onsite this Sunday to provide a walkthrough. Are you and the security detail member available this Friday or early Monday morning instead for a walkthrough?

Best,
Maia

Maia Erickson

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From: "O'Brien, Grant" <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 2:25 PM
To: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>, Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>, Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>, "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Thank you for the introduction, Kathleen.

Shawna – glad to be connected with you here. I work on the Administrator's advance team and will be one of the individuals that accompany him when he visits your studio on Monday. If possible, I and a member of the Administrator's security detail would like to request an advanced walkthrough of the space for some time on this upcoming Sunday, Feb. 6th in the afternoon (perhaps around 3pm). Will the space be accessible at that time?

Please let me know at your earliest convenience,

Grant

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Grant O'Brien

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator

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From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:26 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>;
Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>; Lamy,
Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; O'Brien, Grant
<OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>
Cc: Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation
2/7

+ Grant O'Brien from our team

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Shawna Shepherd
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Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:24 PM
To: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>;
Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Cc: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>;
Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation
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Hi Kendra,

I am available for a call tomorrow between 1:30-
3:30pm. Let me what works for you!

Thanks,
Shawna

From: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Shawna
Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Cc: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>;
Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation
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Hi Kendra,

Here are arrival details for Administrator Regan.

Call time: 2:30pm (Will he need grooming? We have a makeup artist onsite if he needs)

Tape time: Approx. 3pm (will be wrapped by 4pm)

Guest entrance: 200 W. 45th Street (Right under The Lion King marquee)

And here are our Covid protocols. Let me know if you have any questions!

COVID PROTOCOLS

WE DO NOT ACCEPT RAPID TESTS

- The guest must provide a **negative PCR test result within 48 hours of their appearance** since they will be unmasked & onstage with Trevor.
 - Please let us know if the principal is planning to get tested prior to their appearance or if you need our help facilitating a quick-turnaround PCR test.
- Any entourage must provide a **negative PCR test result within 7 days of the appearance.**
- The guest may bring **no more than four people** to *The Daily Show* taping.
- Only the guest will be allowed in the studio; everyone else will be able to watch the interview from the green room.
- Everyone must be **vaccinated** to enter the building.
- Everyone attending taping must complete a **vaccination verification form** before entering the building. Please send us full names & email addresses of each attendee, so we can send this form out.

Thanks!

Maia

Maia Erickson

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From: "Lamy, Kendra" <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 9:54 AM

To: Shawna Shepherd

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Cc: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>,
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Subject: RE: Administer Regan Daily Show
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Thank you.

I am also looping in our scheduling and advance team
for this.

Bio here: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-administrator>

Headshot here:

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-03/mr-crop.jpg>

Below is the LONG press release about the Journey to
Justice- Happy to talk things through when you are
ready. Would love to do that tomorrow if possible.
Thanks again and I look forward to hearing from you
Kendra

**EPA Administrator Regan Announces
Bold Actions to Protect Communities
Following the Journey to Justice Tour**
*Initial set of steps includes multiple actions
to protect public health and community
specific deliverables*

CONTACT: EPA Press Office, press@epa.gov

WASHINGTON (Jan. 26, 2022) – Following through on
his commitment to action during his Journey to Justice
Tour, US Environmental Protection Agency
Administrator Michael S. Regan announced today the
first in a series of actions responding directly to
concerns of communities historically and
disproportionately impacted by pollution. The actions,
which range from policy changes to community-driven
efforts, reflect Administrator Regan's commitment to
deliver environmental justice and work towards building
a better America, and are part of the Biden-Harris
Administration's whole-of-government approach to
addressing these issues in communities that are
marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by
pollution.

“In every community I visited during the Journey to Justice tour, the message was clear - residents have suffered far too long and local, state, and federal agencies have to do better,” **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.** “The pollution concerns have been impacting these communities for decades. Our actions will begin to help not only the communities I visited on this tour, but also others across the country who have suffered from environmental injustices.”

In response to concerns from residents in overburdened neighborhoods, EPA is announcing specific actions in each of the areas that he visited on the tour. In addition, EPA is outlining a series of broad policy actions including:

- Committing EPA to aggressively use its authority to conduct unannounced inspections of suspected non-compliant facilities, as needed to protect public health. When facilities are found to be non-compliant, EPA will use all available tools to hold them accountable.
- Deploying a new program to expand air monitoring capacity, utilizing assets such as the ASPECT airplane, GMAP mobile air monitoring vehicle, and additional air pollution inspectors to enhance enforcement.
- Mobilizing agency resources to invest in community air monitoring to better protect people and public health in vulnerable areas.
- Pressing state and local elected officials to take urgent action to better protect the most overburdened communities.
- Holding companies more accountable for their actions in overburdened communities with increased monitoring and oversight of polluting facilities.
- Applying best available science to agency policymaking to safeguard public health and protect the environment.

In addition to these policy changes, the Administrator has directed his team to work on several steps to address specific community concerns.

Agency-wide actions

To ensure facility compliance with environmental laws, the Administrator directed the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) to aggressively use its authority to conduct unannounced inspections at

suspected non-compliant facilities, as needed, to protect public health.

EPA is announcing today a new Multi-Scale Monitoring Project called the Pollution Accountability Team (PAT) to provide strong environmental compliance and monitoring in the south, launching in Spring 2022. This program combines high-tech air pollution monitoring with boots-on-the-ground inspectors to address pollution and enhance enforcement at a community scale. EPA's ASPECT airplane will monitor facilities from the sky while mobile vehicles like EPA's GMAP will monitor pollution from the ground. At the same time, a team of inspectors from across EPA regions will follow up to investigate any emission detection findings at specific sites. The PAT pilot program will also work to develop and/or acquire new instrumentation to measure newly emerging contaminants, such as chloroprene and ethylene oxide. More details on this program will be available in the coming weeks, including a schedule for meetings with communities.

As previously announced, the Agency is also directing resources to better protect people and public health in overburdened areas across the nation, making \$20 million in grants available from the American Rescue Plan to enhance local air monitoring for pollutants of greatest concern in communities facing health disparities. The largest investment in community-based monitoring systems in EPA history will provide transparency and accountability, and foster pollution strategies in underserved communities. EPA encourages community-based nonprofit organizations, Tribes, states, and local governments to apply for the grants before the March 25 deadline. More information: <https://www.epa.gov/arp/enhanced-air-quality-monitoring-funding-under-arp>.

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Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing source category and will be open to public comment for 30 days. The rigorous evaluation of scientific studies that EPA is reaffirming in today's notice will ensure the agency is guided by the best information as EPA works to address health risks posed by ethylene oxide.

Taking action in Mississippi

In Jackson, Administrator Regan saw firsthand the longstanding water infrastructure challenges and the impacts these problems have on the community including children at Wilkins Elementary School, where the Administrator was to visit students and faculty until school was canceled due to low water pressure.

And once again this week, the winter weather has caused yet another boil water notice in Jackson, which has faced too many significant water challenges for too long. On January 25, 2022, EPA issued a Notice of Noncompliance to the city for not timely repairing and maintaining equipment necessary to reliably produce drinking water.

Later this week, Administrator Regan will be sending follow-up letters to elected officials to stress the importance of dedicating federal infrastructure funds, including nearly \$79 million allocated to Mississippi from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to solve some of most dire water needs in Jackson and other areas of need across Mississippi.

Taking action in Louisiana

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In Mossville, LA, Administrator Regan joined residents to discuss their concerns around air and water quality. In response, today EPA announced a significant increase in inspections of industrial facilities in the Mossville area. EPA will assess compliance at facilities that present potentially elevated risks to the community based on recent EPA helicopter flyovers and mobile air monitoring of the area. EPA also provided \$38,886 for LDEQ to purchase a NAAQS quality PM 2.5 continuous monitor to be placed across the road from Sasol's Lake Charles Complex.

EPA will monitor and review the data and conduct an independent assessment to determine if NAAQS standards are exceeded in the Lake Charles area. The EPA will also conduct Technical System Audits on a rotating basis of the State's monitoring system operations as well as reviewing LDEQ's annual data certifications and LDEQ's annual monitoring network plan.

EPA Region 6 also issued this week a Notice of Potential Violation and Opportunity to Confer (NOPVOC) Letter to Sasol Chemicals USA, LLC. The Sasol facility uses natural gas and by-products from refinery operations to produce specialty chemicals for detergents and cosmetics. The chemical complex uses or produces several regulated flammables such as ethylene, propane, butane, propylene, ethane, butane, hydrogen, methane and pentane. The EPA notice follows a January 2021 Compliance Evaluation conducted by inspectors from EPA Region 6 and LDEQ, and requires Sasol to address potential Risk Management Plan violations found during the inspection.

In New Orleans' Gordon Plaza neighborhood,

Administrator Regan heard from residents about the impacts of living in the affordable housing development built on the former site of the Agriculture Street Landfill. As part of addressing those concerns, EPA will now expedite a review of the site which was previously slated for review in 2023; the accelerated review will begin in March 2022 and will include 9 homes that were not included in the previous review process. The Agency is taking this step to re-evaluate its previous decision that the land is safe and to communicate the results to the community. In addition, on January 6, 2022,

Administrator Regan met with Mayor Cantrell and Dr. Beverly Wright of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) to discuss a shared commitment between EPA and the City of New Orleans to work together on community-based solutions for the residents of Gordon Plaza. The solutions discussed would support relocation of community members off the land, provide economic opportunity for the City, advance clean energy, and lower greenhouse gas emissions in the area. Most importantly, they would ensure the health and safety of Gordon Plaza residents is protected. Administrator Regan and Dr. Wright committed to continue working closely with Mayor Cantrell and her team to advance these shared goals.

Taking Action in Texas

Following stops in Houston, including the Fifth Ward, Kashmere Gardens and the Houston Ship Channel, where Administrator Regan spoke with residents about impacts of air and water pollution from nearby facilities on the community, EPA announced the following actions.

Throughout stops in **Texas** and Louisiana, communities voiced concerns over the health risks that ethylene oxide (EtO) poses to their residents and called for swift action to reduce emissions of this dangerous chemical to outdoor air. As part of the proposal announced today to reaffirm EPA's peer-reviewed scientific assessment showing that EtO is significantly more toxic than previously understood, EPA is proposing to formally reject the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's less protective risk value for EtO. EPA is committed to leading with the best available science in this and future rulemakings to reduce emissions of this chemical and better protect people's health. The agency is also looking at a range of approaches besides regulations for achieving emissions reductions while regulations are in development, and ensuring communities are informed and engaged as we work to address EtO.

In the Fifth Ward and Kashmere Gardens area, EPA announced completion of a review of a proposed Union Pacific Railroad permit renewal and corrective actions that govern cleanup of contamination at the Houston Wood Preserving Works site. EPA intends to submit comments to TCEQ laying out concerns and recommendations to ensure that permit terms and corrective action goals address the concerns of community members, who are disproportionately impacted by pollution. EPA is also monitoring TCEQ's

installation and operation of additional air monitors. These air monitors will supplement the existing monitoring network and capture the pollution that residents in these communities face. In addition, on January 20, 2022, Administrator Regan spoke with Mayor Sylvester Turner to discuss the continued commitment between EPA and the City of Houston to work together to ensure the community's concerns are addressed and the health and safety of residents is protected.

In response to the call for improved accessibility to language and interpretation services, EPA is establishing a partnership with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (T.E.J.A.S) under the Beyond Translation (BT) Plus program to improve communication, especially when it comes to information on environmental risk and enforcement. Under the partnership, EPA will develop local strategies to address air toxics in communities, provide better transparency regarding enforcement, and improve access to risk management plans.

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From: Shawna Shepherd

[<sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>](mailto:sshepherd@thedailyshow.com)

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 7:49 PM

To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>; Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>

Subject: Administer Regan Daily Show confirmation 2/7

Hello Kendra,

We're looking forward to having Administrator Michael S. Regan as a guest on The Daily Show with Trevor in-studio on Monday, Feb. 7th. The time commitment is 2:30-4pm ET. The interview will be approximately 10-12 minutes and it will air that same evening at 11pm ET on Comedy Central. I'm looping in my colleague Maia who will send our studio arrival details as well as our Covid protocols. She can also arrange transportation to/from the studio if you need.

The only thing I need right now is a headshot, and any materials you'd like to send regarding his journey to justice tour. I'll be producing the interview so we can touch base later this week to finalize topics. Let us know if you have any questions!

Thanks,
Shawna Shepherd

Producer
The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

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From: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 5:41 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

We are in!
Can we talk tomorrow about next steps?

From: Shawna Shepherd
<sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

Great, thank you. Our studio is located in Times Square.

From: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

H there
Thank you for the speedy response. We are checking
and should know ASAP. Where is the studio?
Thanks again
Kendra

From: Shawna Shepherd
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Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan

Hello Kendra,

So nice to hear from you, and I really appreciate Hilary Rosen putting you in touch with me! We would love to have Administrator Regan as a guest on The Daily Show but unfortunately we're booked on Feb. 10th. Is there any chance he is available to join Trevor in-studio on Monday, Feb. 7th? We typically record between 3-4pm and ask guests to arrive at 2:30pm. Let me know if that's a possibility?

Many thanks,
Shawna Shepherd
Producer

The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

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From: Lamy, Kendra <Lamy.Kendra@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:18 PM

To: Shawna Shepherd <sshepherd@thedailyshow.com>

Subject: Administrator Regan

Hi Shawna,

Hilary Rosen passed along your information. I wanted to see if you all would be interested in having Administrator Regan on the Daily Show to talk about the important issue of clean water and environmental justice. He just made this most recent announcement, last week about his journey to justice tour. I know its last minute, but he will be in the NY area and could tape on February 10th.

Thank you in advance and I would love to hear from you
Kendra

Kendra Lamy

Senior Advisor

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Message

From: Maia Erickson [merickson@thedailyshow.com]
Sent: 2/7/2022 4:38:55 PM
To: O'Brien, Grant [OBrien.Grant@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: 2/7 EPA PCR Test Results

Thank you!

From: "O'Brien, Grant" <OBrien.Grant@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, February 7, 2022 at 11:12 AM
To: Maia Erickson <merickson@thedailyshow.com>
Subject: 2/7 EPA PCR Test Results

Maia,

Attaching everyone's PCR Test results here (except for the Administrator who will be getting his test done at 1pm.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns,
Grant

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Grant O'Brien

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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